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SUBJECT: START FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS, GENEVA (SFO-GVA-V):  
(U) REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE-002, OMNIBUS LETTER ON SETTLEMENT  
OF ACCOUNTS

REF: A. GENEVA 00847 (SFO-GVA-V-40)

[1](#)B. GENEVA 00846(SFO-GVA-V-43)

Classified By: A/S Rose E. Gottemoeller, United States  
START Negotiator. Reasons: 1.4(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is SFO-GVA-V-045 - Request for Guidance-002.

[1](#)2. (S) Background and guidance requested. Delegation has negotiated a draft JCIC Agreement on Principles and Procedures for Completion of Continuous Monitoring at the Monitored Facility at Votkinsk, and the accompanying letters on Settlement of Accounts and Ground Transportation. That draft agreement and accompanying letters were sent to Washington for approval (Refs A and B). In order to resolve all issues with the Russian Federation on this issue, any expansion of the letters on Settlement of Accounts to address the settlement of accounts for areas other than Completion of Continuous Monitoring at Votkinsk were removed from the letters. Delegation has drafted a follow-on letter for Settlement of Accounts for other areas in addition to Completion of Continuous Monitoring. That draft letter is at paragraph 3. Other areas would include, but not be limited to, costs for provision of telemetry materials, and fuel and servicing of airplanes. Delegation requests authorization to sign the omnibus letter on Settlement of Accounts. That omnibus letter should be signed after Agreement 56 and its accompanying letters are signed.

[1](#)3. (S) Begin text of Omnibus Letter on Settlement of Accounts:

U.S.-Proposed JDT  
October X, 2009

Exchange of Letters on Settlement of Accounts

Mr. Sergei Koshelev  
Representative of the Government of the  
Russian Federation to the Joint Compliance  
and Inspection Commission

Dear Mr. Representative:

On behalf of the Government of the United States, I have the honor to propose an agreement between our Governments on the settlement of accounts in connection with the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, hereinafter referred to as the Treaty, following the expiration of the Treaty or its supersession by a subsequent agreement pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article XVII of the Treaty, whichever is earlier.

Under this agreement, our Governments would agree that, following the expiration of the Treaty or its supersession, the provisions contained in Annex 14 to the Protocol on Inspections and Continuous Monitoring Activities Relating to the Treaty, hereinafter referred to as the Inspection Protocol, as modified by the provisions of Annex 16 to the Inspection Protocol, shall serve as the basis for the settlement of accounts for goods and services in connection with:

(a) the costs of goods and services borne by the inspecting Party pursuant to paragraph 13 of Section IV of the Inspection Protocol;

(b) the costs of goods and services associated with the purchase of tapes and the copying of telemetric information onto such tapes pursuant to the Thirty-fifth Agreed Statement in the Annex to the Treaty on Agreed Statements, with the providing of training, maintenance, service, spare parts, and replacement parts relating to telemetry equipment pursuant to paragraph 7 of Section I and paragraph 8 of Section II of Annex 1 to the Telemetry Protocol, and subparagraphs 4(d) and 4(e) and paragraph 6 of Annex 4 to the Telemetry Protocol, and with the implementation of Section III of Annex 5 to the Telemetry Protocol; and

(c) the costs of goods and services borne by the inspected Party pursuant to paragraph 18 of Section V, paragraph 13 of Section IV (that pertains to parking and security protection for inspection airplanes at the point of entry) and subparagraph 19(a) of Section V (that pertains to transportation of monitors at the point of entry) of the Inspection Protocol that are reimbursed by the United States of America in accordance with the statements of policy concerning reimbursement of inspection costs exchanged by the Governments of the United States of America, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, and Ukraine on February 3, 1995, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Our Governments would further agree that additional arrangements consistent with the provisions contained in Annex 14 and Annex 16 to the Inspection Protocol may be agreed upon by our representatives, as necessary, to ensure the effective implementation of this agreement.

If the foregoing is acceptable, this letter together with your reply shall constitute an agreement between our Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of the expiration or supersession of the Treaty, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article XVII of the Treaty, whichever is earlier, and shall remain in force until all accounts related to the Treaty have been settled.

Please accept, Mr. Representative, the assurances of my

highest consideration.

Jerry A. Taylor  
U.S. Representative to the  
Joint Compliance and  
Inspection Commission

End text.

14. (U) Gottemoeller sends.  
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